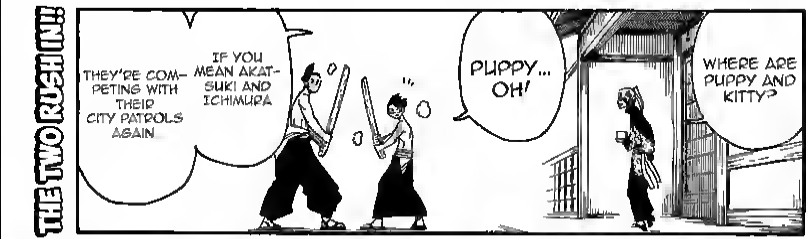
SIGN: SHINSENGUMI QUARTERS


THE TWO RUSH IN!!
THEY'RE COMPETING WITH THEIR CITY PATROLS AGAIN...
IF YOU MEAN AKATSUKI AND ICHIMURA
PUPPY... OH!
WHERE ARE PUPPY AND KITTY?

*T/N A MASTERLESS SAMURAI

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN.
I don't want any
MAKE ME SOME TOO!
I'll give you this in return
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO PREPARE SOME TEA FOR HIJIKATA-SENSEI!
AND THERE WAS THE MATTER WITH HIS OLDER BROTHER, TOO..
HE DOES OWE THE VICE-COMMANDER HIS LIFE
AS ALWAYS, HIJIKATA-SAN'S THE ONLY ONE KITTEN-KUN CARES ABOUT~
He won't warm up to me at all
Is that food..?
Bwahaha!!
Hot!!
EVERYONE, PLEASE GATHER!
REGARDING TONIGHT'S MISSION
WE'RE STARTING THE DISCUSSION

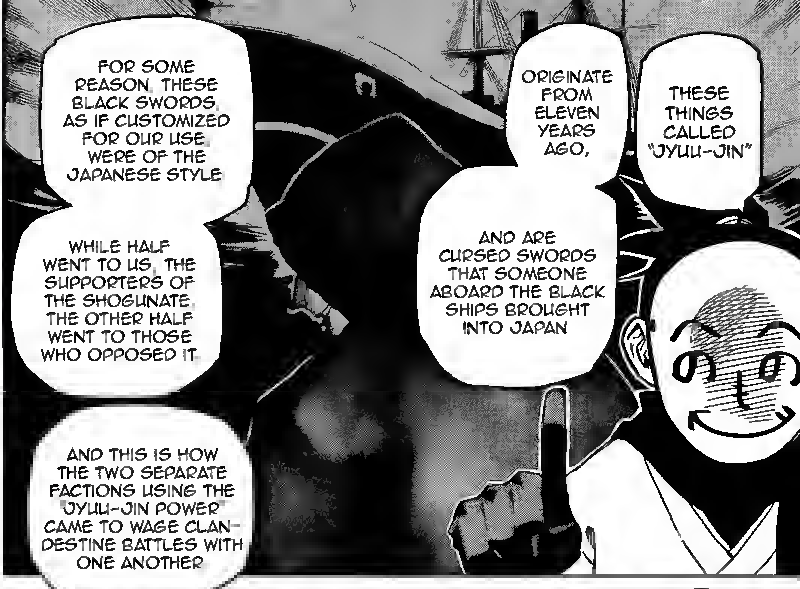
TONIGHT'S MISSION
INVOLVES KYOU'S SECURITY ON AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE.
UNDERSTAND, EVERYONE?
NOW, YAMAZAKI-KUN.
SO LISTEN WITH EXTREME CARE
BUT THERE'S A MAN THAT THE REST OF US HAVE BEEN PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO
THIS IS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME THE TWO OF YOU WILL HAVE HEARD OF THIS,
YES SIR_!
ONCE IT REACHED OUR NOTICE THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CHOSHU RONIN WERE SEEN ENTERING AND LEAVING THIS SHOP,
HE IS THE OWNER OF A WELL-ESTABLISHED SHOP CALLED "MASUYA."
AND UNCOVERED A CERTAIN TRUTH.
WE LOOKED INTO MASUYA,
HIS NAME IS MASUYA KIEMON.

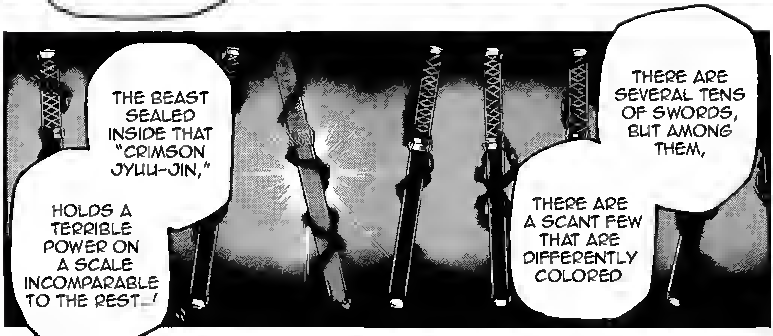
HE HAS A "JYUU-JIN."
AND NOT JUST ANY JYUU-JIN— BUT A VERY SPECIAL ONE—
THE CRIMSON JYUU-JIN....!!

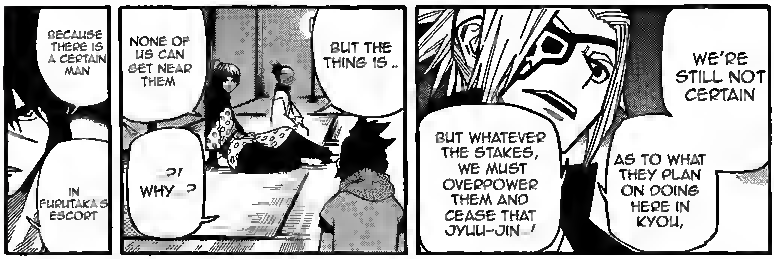
WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT IT—?!

THAT IS, THE NAME MASUYA KIEMON IS NOTHING BUT A FARCE TO PRESENT TO SOCIETY
AND HE IS THE ONE ORGANIZING THE FLOW OF CHOSHU RONIN IN AND OUT OF KYOU!
HIS TRUE NAME IS "FURUTAKA SHUNTARO."

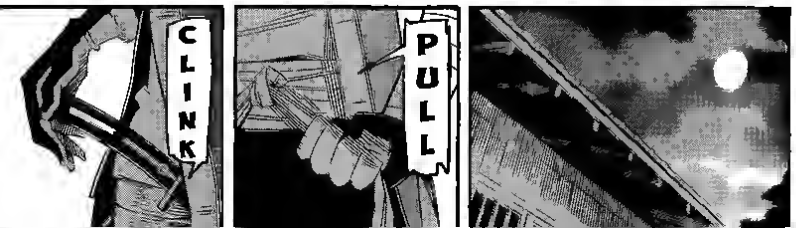
WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT FURUTAKA HAS BEEN PROCURING LARGE QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS AND GUNPOWDER
QUANTITIES ON THE SCALE OF PREPARATION FOR WAR...!
AND WE ALSO DISCOVERED THAT HE HAS SOMETHING PERHAPS EVEN MORE WORRISOME IN HIS CONTROL—


FOR SOME REASON, THESE BLACK SWORDS, AS IF CUSTOMIZED FOR OUR USE, WERE OF THE JAPANESE STYLE
ORIGINATE FROM ELEVEN YEARS AGO,
THESE THINGS CALLED "JYUU-JIN"
WHILE HALF WENT TO US, THE SUPPORTERS OF THE SHOGUNATE, THE OTHER HALF WENT TO THOSE WHO OPPOSED IT
AND ARE CURSED SWORDS THAT SOMEONE ABOARD THE BLACK SHIPS BROUGHT INTO JAPAN
AND THIS IS HOW THE TWO SEPARATE FACTIONS USING THE "JYUU-JIN POWER" CAME TO WAGE CLANDESTINE BATTLES WITH ONE ANOTHER

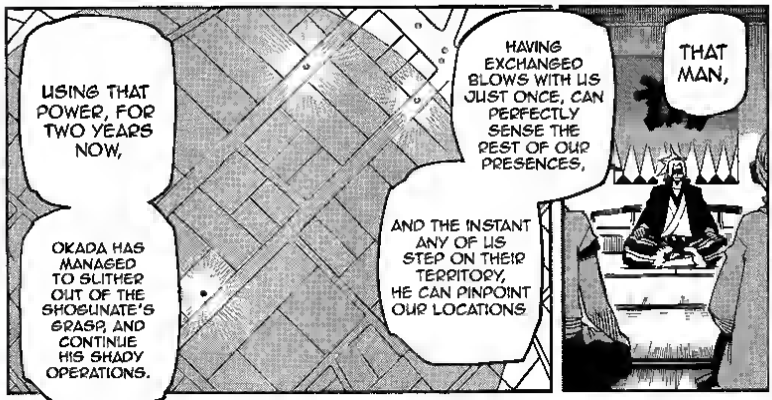

THE BEAST SEALED INSIDE THAT "CRIMSON JYUU-JIN,"
THERE ARE SEVERAL TENS OF SWORDS, BUT AMONG THEM,
HOLDS A TERRIBLE POWER ON A SCALE INCOMPARABLE TO THE REST—!
THERE ARE A SCANT FEW THAT ARE DIFFERENTLY COLORED


BECAUSE THERE IS A CERTAIN MAN
IN FURUTAKA'S ESCORT
NONE OF US CAN GET NEAR THEM
?! WHY...?
BUT THE THING IS..
WE'RE STILL NOT CERTAIN
AS TO WHAT THEY PLAN ON DOING HERE IN KYOU,
BUT WHATEVER THE STAKES, WE MUST OVERPOWER THEM AND CEASE THAT JYUU-JIN—!

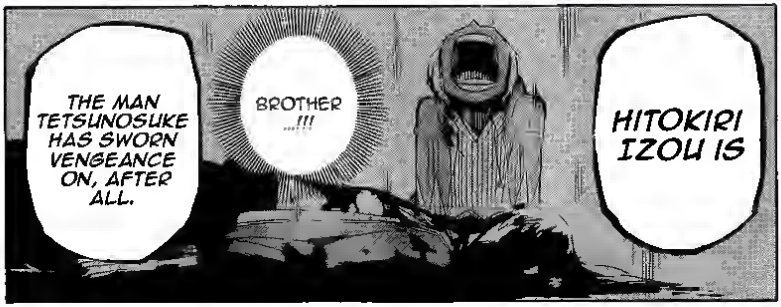
*T/N A TITLE FOR A VERY INFAMOUS SAMURAI ASSASSIN



"OKADA IZOU,"
ALSO KNOWN AS "HITOKIRI IZOU"...!


THAT MAN,
HAVING EXCHANGED BLOWS WITH US JUST ONCE, CAN PERFECTLY SENSE THE REST OF OUR PRESENCES,
AND THE INSTANT ANY OF US STEP ON THEIR TERRITORY, HE CAN PINPOINT OUR LOCATIONS
USING THAT POWER, FOR TWO YEARS NOW,
OKADA HAS MANAGED TO SLITHER OUT OF THE SHOGUNATE'S GRASP, AND CONTINUE HIS SHADY OPERATIONS.

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET WITHIN STRIKING RANGE OF OKADA BEFORE HE NOTICES YOU.
AND ICHIMURA... IF YOU USE YOUR "POWER,"
HOWEVER, HE IS AS OF YET UNAWARE OF YOU TWO.
YES SIR...!
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS MISSION LIES ENTIRELY ON YOU TWO.
UNDER-STOOD?
OKADA MUST BE ELUDED SO THAT FURUTAKA CAN BE CAPTURED.
THAT IS TONIGHT'S MISSION...!
YOUR ORDERS ARE TO RETURN SUCCESS-FULLY...!!
TETSU LOOKED CALM,
BUT I'M SURE THAT HE WAS ANYTHING BUT IT
YES SIR...!!
INDEED


HITOKIRI IZOU IS
BROTHER ...!!!
THE MAN TETSUNOSUKE HAS SWORN VENGEANCE ON, AFTER ALL.

I JUST HOPE THOSE BAD MEMORIES OF HIS DON'T MISLEAD HIM.
IF HE DIES, THAT'S THAT WE'LL THINK OF A BACKUP PLAN.

THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS BELIEVE IN THEM
AND LET ALL HELL BREAK LOOSE WHEN THE TIME COMES...!
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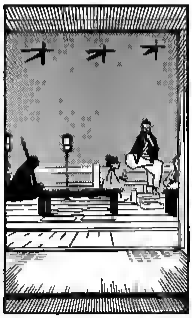
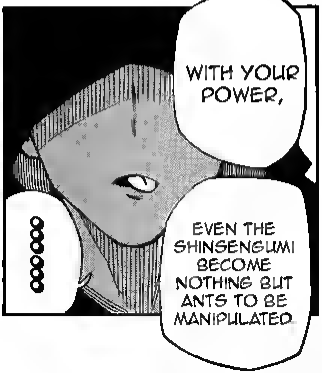
T/N: IN OTHER WORDS THE SHINSENGUMI (THEIR STATION IS IN MIBU)

I SENSED IT FADE FAR AWAY..
IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SHOP.
FUFUFU, HOW AMUSING.
DON'T THEY EVEN REALIZE THERE'S NOTHING OF VALUE OVER THERE?





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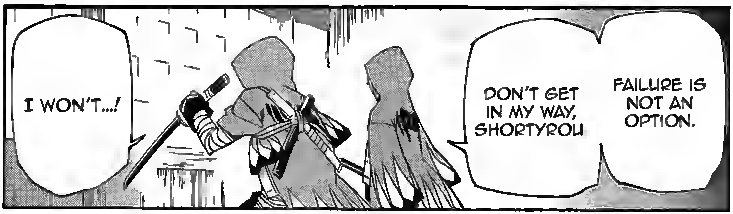
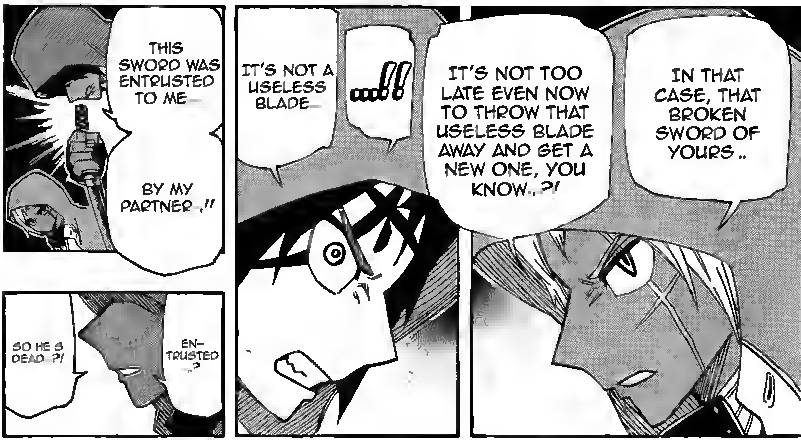
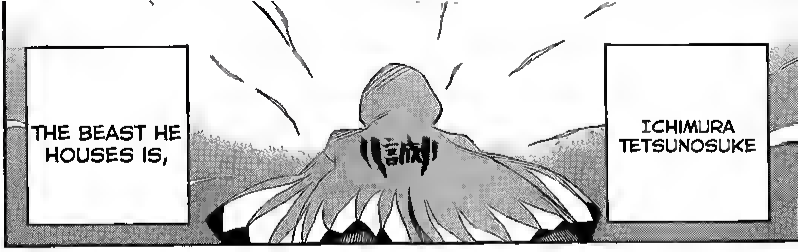
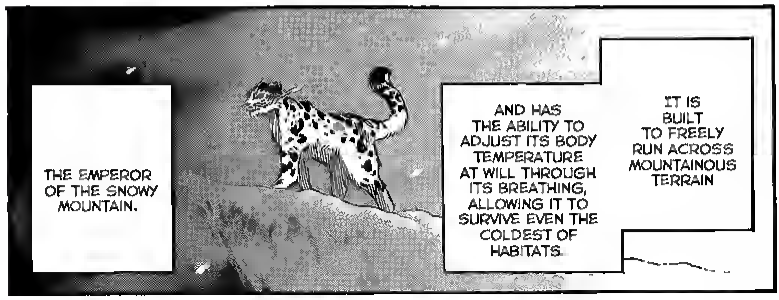

I WON'T...!
DON'T GET IN MY WAY, SHORTYROU
FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION.


THIS SWORD WAS ENTRUSTED TO ME—
BY MY PARTNER.!!
SO HE'S DEAD..?!
EN-TRUSTED..?
IT'S NOT A USELESS BLADE—
oooh!!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE EVEN NOW TO THROW THAT USELESS BLADE AWAY AND GET A NEW ONE, YOU KNOW..?!
IN THAT CASE, THAT BROKEN SWORD OF YOURS..

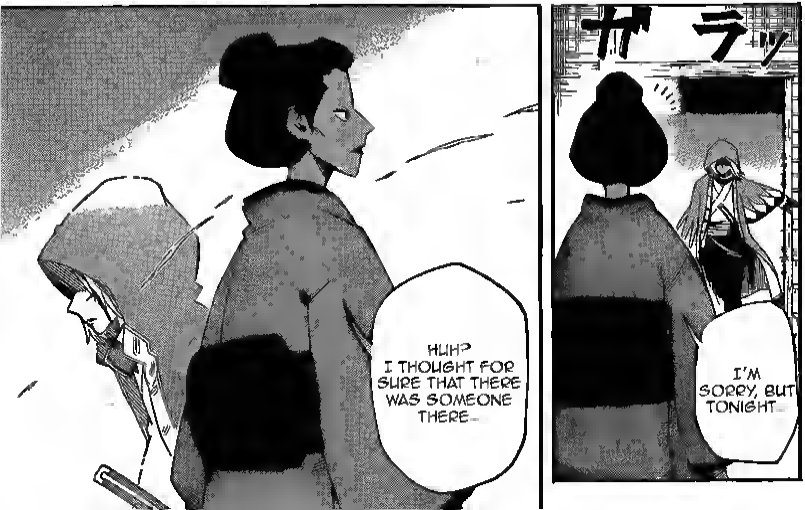
KUK...
YOU SURVIVED ON YOUR OWN...?!
IF YOU WERE STRONGER... WOULDN'T HE ALSO HAVE LIVED...?!
WHY DID HE DIE...?
THAT'S RIGHT...
HE DIED... BECAUSE I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH...!
CLENCH
...YEAH...
WERE YOU NOT WITH HIM...?!
THAT REALLY...
PISSES ME OFF...!!


THE BEAST HE HOUSES IS,
ICHIMURA TETSUNOSUKE

THE SNOW LEOPARD


THE EMPEROR OF THE SNOWY MOUNTAIN.
AND HAS THE ABILITY TO ADJUST ITS BODY TEMPERATURE AT WILL THROUGH ITS BREATHING, ALLOWING IT TO SURVIVE EVEN THE COLDEST OF HABITATS.
IT IS BUILT TO FREELY RUN ACROSS MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN

LET'S GO.
YOU GO IN FROM THE ROOF.
I'LL GO IN THROUGH THE SHOP.
USING THIS POWER, ICHIMURA COULD LOWER HIS BODY TEMPERATURE TO EXCEEDINGLY LOW TEMPERATURES
AND COMPLETELY ERASE HIS OWN PRESENCE.


HUH? I THOUGHT FOR SURE THAT THERE WAS SOMEONE THERE...
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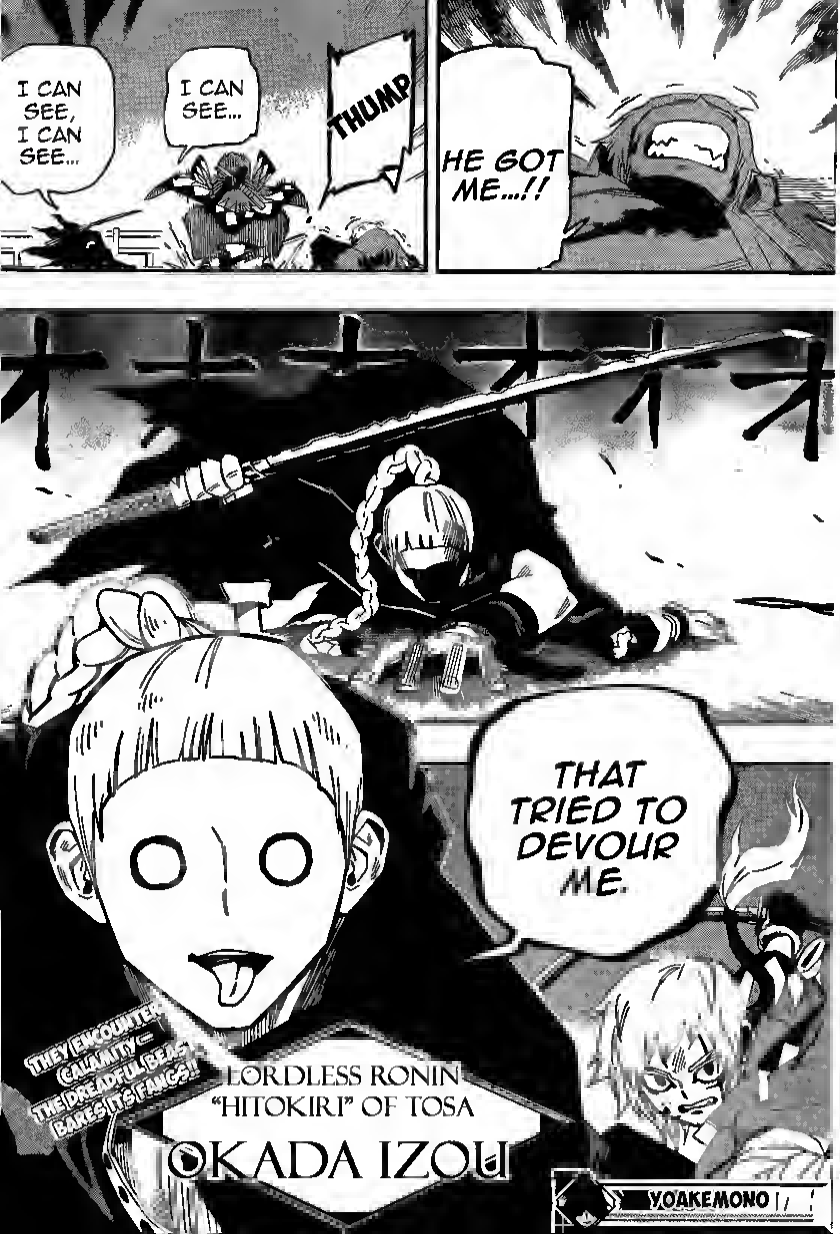
I'M SORRY, BUT TONIGHT...

I'VE WAITED A VERY LONG TIME...
TO FACE YOU LIKE THIS...!
OKADA IZOU...!
A DAY HASN'T GONE BY WHERE I HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF IT...!
I'VE TRAINED FOR THIS VERY DAY...!
I WILL FINISH...
WHAT MY BROTHER FAILED TO DO!!

SH...
IT...!
TWO LITTLE BEASTLINGS
ICHIMU-
RA!!!


I CAN SEE, I CAN SEE...
I CAN SEE...
THUMP
HE GOT ME...!!
THAT TRIED TO DEVOUR ME.
THEY ENCOUNTER CALAMITY— THE DREADFUL BEAST BARES ITS FANGS!!
LORDLESS RONIN "HITOKIRI" OF TOSA
OKADA IZOU
YOAKEMONO

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone!! I am so glad that we are able to be "Gureki Sears" and just so so much for all your help and support! We are VERY VERY thankful that you guys are in our team. To our readers, hope you support us all the way no matter which projects we make! LOL. Again, Happy Christmas! - YAE
merii kurisumasu to shinen! Iei 2015 be full of great anime / manga and bring more people to the royal family! - HoHoHe, Hana Ereetian
メリークリスマス &
今年もお世話になりました！
This year is soon over and I'm really thankful for everyone - staff and readers, who've made all our projects possible!
Please stay tuned for more royal gifts!
Happy holidays!! - RHEA
I don't really know any of you, but it's been a pleasure working with Rhea, Yae, and projects. Here to get acquainted with the rest of you, happy holidays A.A. - JASON
Happy holidays. Everyone's been producing some quality work, let's keep it going. - KNOCTIS
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Late All (all fabricators) merry christmas and a greeting. Try wishing you all the same thing!!

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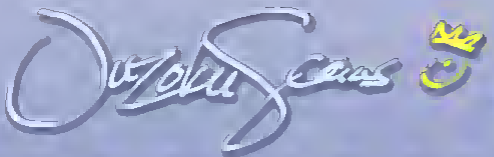

THAT'S CRUEL! LOOK AT ME, I'M FABULOUS!
AND REALLY INTEREST -ING!
EVEN SO, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU.
OI !!
JUST IGNORE IT PLEASE.
Project
Vee
Rhea
THAT IS ME! YOUR FUTURE PROJECT !!
IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF YOU MISSED OUT ON THIS FABULOUS CHANCE...
GET ME STAFF !
LOOK, I SAID-
MAKE TIME FOR ME!
HOW CAN YOU NOT?
THE HEAVENS HAVE BESTOWED ME UPON YOU!!
POINTS
WHAT TOUDOU IS TRYING TO SAY IS THAT WE'D LIKE ANY HELP WE CAN GET!
APPLY NOW AT OUZOKU-SCANS@TUMBLR